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22 MARCH, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

RADIO RWANDA NEWS REPORT STATED THAT, THE DEPUTY CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF ICTR JUDGE RAKOTOMONANA HAS CALLED UPON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO INCREASE ITS ASSISTANCE TO THE TRIBUNAL. AT PRESENT, THE TRIBUNAL HAS 28 INVESTIGATORS ONLY AGAINST THE REQUIREMENT OF A 100 AT LEAST. JUDGE RAKOTOMONANA EXPRESSED HIS ANXIETY, DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE MORE THE INVESTIGATION IS DELAYED, THE MORE VAGUE THE WITNESSES' PROOFS BECOME. HE FURTHER STATED THAT COLONEL BAGOSORA WAS EXPECTED IN BELGIUM VERY SOON, WHERE HE WILL FACE JUSTICE ON THE KILLING OF TEN BELGIAN BLUE HELMETS WHO WERE SERVING WITH UNAMIR IN 1994. M. RAKOTOMANANA ALSO SAID THAT HE IS MEETING THE BELGIAN JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES IN BELGIUM, FOR EXCHANGING INFORMATION.

IN ANOTHER RADIO REPORT THE RWANDAN PRIME MINISTER HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE INCREASE INFILTRATORS ACTIVITIES IN THE PREFECTURES OF RUHENGERI AND GISENYI. THE INFILTRATORS ESPECIALLY FROM ZAIRE HAVE BEEN LAYING MINES, KILLING PEOPLE AND DESTROYING INFRASTRUCTURES SUCH AS ELECTRIC POLES AND WATER PIPES. HE WARNED PEOPLE NOT TO EXTEND SUPPORT TO SUCH CRIMINALS WHO ARE BENT UPON TO DISTABILISE THE COUNTRY.

DAILY SITREP

20 MARCH, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

THE SRSG ATTENDED THE HEADS OF AGENCIES MEETING AT THE UNDP CONFERENCE ROOM AND HAD USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE AGENDA CONCERNING; SECRETARY GENERAL'S STATEMENT TO THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE UN SYSTEM, ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RESIDENT COORDINATOR ON OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, UN CONTINGENCY PLAN AND THE ISSUE OF WHITE HELMETS AND MEDICAL FACILITIES. LATER MR. IAN MARTIN CALLED UPON THE SRSG AT HIS OFFICE AND DISCUSSED THE ISSUE OF FUTURE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN RWANDA, AS WELL AS STAFFING PROBLEMS CONCERNING HRFOR.

RADIO RWANDA REPORTED THAT A CABINET MEETING CHAIRED BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE, MAJOR-GENERAL PAUL KAGAME, NOTED THAT, SECURITY INCIDENTS OCCUR MOSTLY IN RUHENGERI AND GISENYI PREFECTURES AND CARRIED AGAINST HEADS OF SECTORS AND CELLULES. THESE ACTS ARE CARRIED OUT BY INFILTRATORS WHO BENEFIT FROM POPULATION'S COVER. IT WAS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT PEOPLE SHOULD BE MOBILISED TO COUNTER SUCH TENDENCIES.

DAILY SITREP

19 MARCH, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

THE SRSG HELD A MEETING WITH MR. G. ANDERSON AND MR. L. JOHNSON OF THE ICTR AND DISCUSSED ADMINISTRATIVE AS WELL AS SECURITY MATTERS CONCERNING THE TRIBUNAL. THEREAFTER, HE HAD A BRIEFING ON HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES WHICH INCLUDED AN UPDATE ON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RENDERED TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF RWANDA FOR HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES. FINALLY THE SRSG ATTENDED A MEETING WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION ALONG WITH M. HASEGAWA THE UN RESIDENT COORDINATOR IN CONNECTION WITH POST UNAMIR ARRANGEMENTS.

RADIO RWANDA REPORTED THAT THE TUNIS SUMMIT ON THE GREAT LAKES REGIONS ENDED WITH AN AGREEMENT TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF REFUGEES IN THE REGION. THE LEADERS ALSO RESOLVED TO IMPLEMENT THE RESOLUTION IN LETTER AND SPIRIT AND APPEALED TO RWANDAN REFUGEES FOR VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION.

DAILY SITREP

18 MARCH, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

THE SRSG HELD A MEETING WITH MR. YONNNES MENGESHA, WFP ROME AND DISCUSSED WFP PROGRAMMES IN RWANDA, AS WELL AS, EFFECTS THESE PROGRAMME WOULD CARRY ON ACCOUNT OF THE DRAW DOWN OF UNAMIR. HE THEN HELD ANOTHER MEETING ON THE SUBJECT OF COMMUNICATION AND EXAMINED THE POSSIBILITY OF TAKE-OVER OF THE UNAMIR COMMUNICATION SYSTEM BY ICTR.

FINALLY THE SRSG MET WITH MR. CLAUDE DUSAIDI, POLITICAL ADVISER OF THE RWANDAN VICE-PRESIDENT AND MR. FRANK MUGAMBEGE, DIRECTOR OF CABINET IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND DISCUSSED NEW UN MANDATE, THE REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES AS WELL AS MATTERS PERTAINING TO UNAMIR/UNOR, RADIO SYSTEM.

RADIO RWANDA REPORTED THAT, THE SMOOTH REPATRIATION OF RWANDAN REFUGEES IS HINDERED BY, POLITICAL WILL BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF ASYLUM COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE FAILED TO CHECK INTIMIDATORS INSIDE REFUGEE CAMPS. THIS WAS STATED ON 17 MARCH 1996, BY THE RWANDAN PRESIDENT PASTEUR BIZIMUNGU IN THE SUMMIT THAT DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM OF REFUGEES IN TUNIS. THE MEETING OF HEADS OF STATES OF THE GREAT LAKES REGION WAS CHAIRED BY FORMER MALIAN PRESIDENT AMADOU TOUMANI TOURE. IT FURTHER REPORTED THAT, THE TANZANIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. KIKWETE, WHO WAS IN THE MEETING SAID THAT THE INTIMIDATION AND THE MILITIAS' PROPAGANDA SPREAD INSIDE THE CAMPS ARE A REALITY. HE SAID THAT TANZANIA HAS IDENTIFIED ABOUT 150 INTIMIDATORS AND SERIOUS MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN TO HANDLE THIS SITUATION.

DAILY SITREP

14 MARCH, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

THE SRSG ATTENDED A MEETING AT THE UNDP CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN RWANDA. BRIEFINGS ON THE JUDICIAL PROCESS ALSO COVERED THE PROGRESS MADE IN IMPROVING PRISON CONDITIONS IN RWANDA. IT WAS AGREED THAT FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS WOULD CONTINUE ON REGULAR BASIS IN THE FUTURE.

RADIO RWANDA REPORTED THAT THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA IS REQUESTING THE SWISS GOVERNMENT TO EXTRADITE M. ALFRED MUSEMA TO THE TRIBUNAL. MUSEMA IS ACCUSED OF HAVING MASTERMINDED THE KILLING OF 50,000 PEOPLE ON MOUNT BISESERO IN KIBUYE. THE TRIBUNAL IS ALSO REQUESTING THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT TO SUBMIT ALL INVESTIGATION RESULTS ON THE ROLE OF RADIO RTLM OWNERS IN CALLING PEOPLE FOR THE KILLINGS. THE RADIO FURTHER REPORTED THAT RWANDAN PRESIDENT PROCEEDED TO ARUSHA TO ATTEND A MEETING ON THE REVIVAL OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY. RWANDA AND BURUNDI ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY HITHERTO COMPOSED OF TANZANIA, UGANDA AND KENYA.

DAILY SITREP

13 MARCH, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

THE SRSG ATTENDED THE HEADS OF AGENCIES MEETING AT THE UNDP CONFERENCE ROOM AND HELD MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE OFFICE OF RECONSTRUCTION COORDINATOR, THE LAUNCHING OF UN SPECIAL INITIATIVE ON AFRICA, 15 MARCH 1996 AND ON THE SUBJECT ON WORKSHOP MANAGEMENT OF FIELD COORDINATION IN TURN-AROUND. THEREAFTER, THE SRSG MET WITH THE RWANDAN PRIME MINISTER AT HIS OFFICE AND THANKED FOR THE COOPERATION THAT RWANDA HAS EXTENDED WITH REGARD TO THE FULFILLMENT OF UNAMIR MANDATE. THE OPPORTUNITY WAS ALSO AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO RADIO UNAMIR AND TO THE ISSUE OF EQUIPMENT. THE SRSG EXPRESSED HIS WISH THAT RWANDAN GOVERNMENT SHALL CONTINUE RENDERING COOPERATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS NEW MANDATE IN RWANDA. FINALLY, THE SRSG MET WITH THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR WHO CALLED UPON HIM AT HIS OFFICE AND DISCUSSED CURRENT DEVELOPMENT CONCERNING RWANDA AS WELL AS MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE END OF UNAMIR MANDATE. THE EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE OF THE INDIAN MILITARY CONTINGENT WAS LAUDED WITH END OF THE MANDATE.

RADIO RWANDA REPORTED THAT A CABINET MEETING WAS CONVENED TO DISCUSS THE FUNCTIONING OF THE SPECIAL COURTS FOR THE 1994 RWANDAN GENOCIDE. THE MEETING CALLED UPON THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE TO STREAMLINE THE PROJECTS IN THIS REGARD SO THAT JUSTICE TAKES ITS NATURAL COURSE. THE RADIO FURTHER REPORTED THAT THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT HAS APPEALED TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF USA, GERMANY, FRANCE, AND BELGIUM, TO COOPERATE WITH RWANDA IN EXTRADITING COLONEL THEONESTE BAGOSORA TO THE JUSTICE OF RWANDA.

DAILY SITREP

11 MARCH, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

THE SRSG HELD A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF UNDP/UNHCR AND HRFOR SO AS TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE UN MANDATE, THE FORTHCOMING TUNIS SUMMIT AND PROJECTS CONCERNING SETTLEMENTS AND JUSTICE. THERE AFTER, HE HELD AN INTERNAL MEETING WITH SENIOR OFFICERS OF UNAMIR AND DISCUSSED ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AS WELL AS FUTURE FRAMEWORK OF UN OFFICE IN RWANDA. THE SRSG FINALLY MET WITH THE VISITING DELEGATION, "LESSON LEARNT GROUP" AND UNDERTOOK AN ANALYSIS OF DIFFERENT PHASES OF UNAMIR PRESENCE IN RWANDA.

RADIO RWANDA REPORTED THE ARREST OF THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF CABINET IN THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, COLONEL BAGOSORA BY CAMEROON AUTHORITIES. COLONEL BAGOSORA IS ACCUSED OF HAVING TAKEN PART IN THE RWANDAN GENOCIDE, AND HAS BEEN ON THE LIST OF THE GENOCIDE SUSPECTS ESTABLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA.

DAILY SITREP

8 MARCH, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

UNAMIR'S CLOSURE CEREMONY WAS PERFORMED WITH DIGNITY AND HONOUR AT ITS HEADQUARTERS THIS EVENING. THE RWANDAN FOREIGN MINISTER DR. ANATESE GASANA PARTICIPATED AND WITNESSED THE GUARD OF HONOUR ALONG WITH THE SRSG AND THE ACTING FORCE COMMANDER. MEMBER OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, SEVERAL MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNMENT WERE PRESENT ON THE AUSPICIOUS OCCASION.

THE SRSG IN HIS SPEECH STATED THAT, RWANDA HAS TRANSFORMED ITSELF FROM DEVASTATION TO REVIVAL, FROM DEGRADATION TO DIGNITY AND FROM TERROR TO SECURITY. THIS IS A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT OF THE UN MILITARY CONTINGENT IN RWANDA AND THIS ACHIEVEMENT WILL FORM A ROLL OF HONOUR IN THE ANNALS OF UN'S PEACEKEEPING HISTORY. THE SRSG EXPRESSED HIS PROFOUND SENSE OF GRATITUDE, TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF RWANDA FOR THE SUPPORT GIVEN TO UNAMIR. IN HIS CONCLUDING REMARKS, THE SRSG STATED THAT UNAMIR IS DEPARTING WITH A SENSE OF PRIDE AND SUCCESS. IN DOING SO, UNAMIR SHARES WITH RWANDA ITS HISTORY, ITS TRAGEDY AND ITS REVIVAL.

SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF RWANDAN GOVERNMENT, THE FOREIGN MINISTER THANKED UNAMIR FOR THE CONTRIBUTION IT HAD MADE TOWARDS THE REHABILITATION AND RECOVERY OF RWANDA AND IN PARTICULAR, STRESSED THE NEED FOR FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION BETWEEN RWANDA AND THE UNITED NATIONS.

DAILY SITREP

6 MARCH, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

THE SRSG ATTENDED THE HEADS OF AGENCIES MEETING AT THE UNDP OFFICE AND HAD A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH REGARD TO UN AGENCIES' ACTIVITIES IN RWANDA. THERE AFTER, HE MET WITH MR. ADEDE OF ICTR AND DISCUSSED ADMINISTRATIVE AND SECURITY MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE TRIBUNAL. THE CHIEF OF COMMUNAL POLICE CALLED UPON THE SRSG AT HIS OFFICE AND SOUGHT UN ASSISTANCE FOR TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND LOGISTICS.

IN THE AFTERNOON, MR. MPONDO OF UNESCO MET WITH THE SRSG AND DISCUSSED THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR UNESCO AS WELL AS UNESCO'S COOPERATION FOR UNAMIR RADIO. THE SRSG ALONG WITH THE AFC, ALSO ATTENDED A BRIEFING ON THE ROUND TABLE ACTIVITIES IN RWANDA.

FINALLY THE SRSG MET WITH THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MR. OUEDRAGO AELASSE WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF OAU AND DISCUSSED THE BUJUMBURA PLAN OF ACTION AS WELL AS DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE OAU CONFERENCE IN ADDIS ABEBA.

RADIO RWANDA REPORTED THAT, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED, THAT A SMALL POLITICAL OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL IN RWANDA, REMAINS IN RWANDA WITH A FEW PERSONNEL. IT FURTHER REPORTED THAT, THE DEPUTY CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA, JUDGE HONORÉ RAKOTOMANA, HAS REQUESTED THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT TO COOPERATE WITH THE TRIBUNAL IN PROVIDING CONCRETE EVIDENCE AGAINST THE SUSPECTED PERPETRATORS OF THE RWANDAN GENOCIDE.

DAILY SITREP

5 MARCH, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

THE SRSG HELD A MEETING ON REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AND REHABILITATION IN ORDER TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACCOMMODATING THE RETURNEES AFTER THE END OF UNAMIR MANDATE. THIS MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY MR. HASIGAWA THE RESIDENT COORDINATOR, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE ACTING FORCE COMMANDER AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF UNHCR, HRFOR, CISS. THE PARTICIPANTS FURTHER DISCUSSED SECURITY MATTERS, MEDICAL FACILITIES, AVAILABILITY OF FIXED WINGS AND COMMUNICATION ARRANGEMENT IN DETAIL. BESIDES, THE DISPOSAL OF UNAMIR EQUIPMENT WAS ALSO REVIEWED, AND AGENCIES REPRESENTATIVES REQUESTED TO RECONSIDER THEIR NEEDS AND INFORM UNAMIR ACCORDINGLY.

THEREAFTER, THE SRSG GAVE AN INTERVIEW TO AP/SWEDISH TV AND THEN PROCEEDED ON A COURTESY VISIT TO VARIOUS INDIAN BATTALION UNITS WITH THE AFC. IN THE AFTERNOON, THE SRSG MET WITH THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF RENDERING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA. FINALLY, THE SRSG MET WITH MR. CLAUDE DUSSAID, POLITICAL ADVISER TO THE VICE-PRESIDENT ALONGWITH OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF FUTURE UN PRESENCE IN RWANDA.

DAILY SITREP

29 FEBRUARY, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

RADIO RWANDA VEHEMENTLY DENIED ALLEGATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF THE FORMER INTERIOR MINISTER SETH SENDASHONGA, AS BEEN PLANNED BY THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WAS CLARIFIED BY SAYING, THAT, THE ALLEGED ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT IS NOT AN EXCEPTION, AS SUCH INCIDENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN TAKING PLACE BY RWANDAN REFUGEES IN ZAIRE, WHERE MILITIAS, FORMER FAR AND GENOCIDAL POLITICIANS LIVE.

THE RADIO FURTHER REPORTED THAT EIGHT PROSECUTORS INCLUDING TWO GENERAL PROSECUTORS OF COURTS OF APPEAL OF KIGALI ~~HAVE BEEN~~ ^{WERE} SWORN IN YESTERDAY SO AS TO UNDERTAKE GENOCIDE TRIALS IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER. IN A SIMILAR CONTEXT, RADIO RWANDA ALSO REPORTED, THAT, THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT HAS INDICATED ITS INTENTION TO REVISE ITS LAWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO THAT RWANDAN GENOCIDE SUSPECTS WHO LIVE IN FRANCE COULD BE ARRESTED AND BE TRANSFERRED TO ARUSHA FOR TRIALS.

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DAILY SITREP

27 FEBRUARY, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

THE SRSG HELD A MEETING OF SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS OF UNAMIR TO DISCUSS THE CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LIQUIDATION PROCESS THAT IS IN THE OFFING. LATER MR. KHERA ASIEL, PREFECT OF KIBUNGO, CALLED ON THE SRSG AND SOUGHT ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF GENOCIDE OF KIBUNGO AREA. THE SRSG PROMISED TO PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY HELP AND ASSISTANCE IN THIS REGARD. IN THE AFTERNOON, THE SRSG HAD A WORKING LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR GANNS OF GERMANY AND DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF ISSUES RELATED TO FUTURE UN PRESENCE IN RWANDA. THE QUESTION OF SHOOTING AND ASSASSINATION OF SETH SENDASHONGA, FORMER MINISTER OF INTERIOR WAS ALSO DISCUSSED. IN THE AFTERNOON, THE SRSG PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING JOINTLY HELD BY UNDP, UNHCR AND HRFOR REPRESENTATIVES TO UNDERTAKE A REVIEW OF THE BUJUMBURA RECOMMENDATIONS THAT OUGHT TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN ADDIS ABABA. FINALLY, THE SRSG HELD A MEETING WITH COL FRANK MUGAMBAGE OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AND DISCUSSED ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

DAILY SITREP

23 FEBRUARY, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

THE SRSG MET WITH MR. GREENE OF THE IRISH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND HELD DISCUSSIONS REGARDING BILATERAL AID TO RWANDA. HE ALSO HELD SEVERAL INTERNAL MEETINGS WITH STAFF MEMBERS AND FINALLY MET WITH MR. FREDERICK PFICHER OF LE MONDE FOR AN INTERVIEW.

RADIO RWANDA REPORTED THAT THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT WILL NOT HAVE POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH RDR AND RWANDA POUR TOUS AS DOING SO, WOULD TANTAMOUNT TO ACCEPTING THE LEGITIMACY OF THEIR LEADERSHIP. THE LEADERS OF THESE GROUPS BELONG TO MRND AND CDR, THE POLITICAL PARTIES WHICH PLANNED AND CARRIED OUT THE GENOCIDE. THE OFFER BY THESE GROUPS FOR DIALOGUE RIGHTLY CONFIRMS THE GOVERNMENT'S APPREHENSIONS THAT SUPPORT IS EXTENDED TO THEM BY SOME POWERFUL MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

THE RADIO FURTHER REPORTED THAT ZAIRE HAS BANNED RDR AND STOPPED UNHCR ACTIVITIES IN KIBUMBA AND NYANGEZI REFUGEE CAMPS.

DAILY SITREP

22 FEBRUARY, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

THE SRSG MET WITH THE AMBASSADORS OF BRITAIN AND FRANCE IN RWANDA, AND EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH REGARD TO THE OVERALL SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY AND FUTURE UN PRESENCE IN RWANDA. THEREAFTER, THE SRSG HELD A MEETING WITH MR. IAN MARTIN OF HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD OPERATION IN RWANDA AND VIEWED PROGRESS REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY. IN THE EVENING THE SRSG HELD A RECEPTION ON THE OCCASION OF THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF RADIO UNAMIR.

ACCORDING TO RADIO RWANDA, THE GOVERNMENT HAD EXPRESSED ITS DISSATISFACTION OVER THE DELAY IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA. THE RWANDAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE, MRS. MARTHE MUKAMURENZI, STATED THAT LACK OF EVIDENCE AGAINST THE SUSPECTS, AS VIEWED BY THE TRIBUNAL, DOES NOT HOLD GOOD, BECAUSE HER GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN PROVIDING ALL POSSIBLE EVIDENCE AGAINST THEM AND SHALL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE.

DAILY SITREP

20 FEBRUARY, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

THE SRSG HELD A MEETING WITH MR. HASIGAWA, UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN THE PRESENCE OF HEADS OF UN AGENCIES AND DISCUSSED; THE FUTURE UN PRESENCE AFTER THE 8TH OF MARCH, THE ISSUE OF EQUIPMENT, THE FORTH-COMING MEETING ON 29TH OF FEBRUARY BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA AND HEADS OF AGENCIES AND FINALLY ASSESSMENT OF NGOS PRESENCE IN RWANDA.

RADIO RWANDA REPORTED ON 19 FEBRUARY THAT THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA INDICTED TWO PROMINENT RWANDAN PEOPLE ON CHARGES OF GENOCIDE AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY. IT FURTHER REPORTED THAT, THE TRIBUNAL HAS RECENTLY REQUESTED BELGIUM TO SEND OTHER PEOPLE ACCUSED OF SIMILAR OFFENSES TO BE DETAINED IN ARUSHA WAITING CHARGES.

DAILY SITREP

8 FEBRUARY, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH RADIO RWANDA ON 7 FEBRUARY, PRESIDENT PASTEUR BIZIMUNGU APPEALED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO MONITOR THE DELIVERY OF ARMS IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS WHICH COULD BE USED FOR ATTACK AGAINST RWANDA. HE ALSO CALLED FOR PUTTING PRESSURE UPON ZAIRE, SO THAT RWANDA COULD RECEIVE ITS REMAINING PROPERTY, BESIDES THE HANDING OVER OF TWO HELICOPTERS OUT OF NINE BY ZAIRE. THE HAND OVER CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE ON 12 FEBRUARY 1996. *where?*

WITH REGARD TO THE RETURN OF REFUGEES, PRESIDENT BIZIMUNGU SAID, THE RWANDAN OFFICIALS VISITS, LIKE THE RECENT VISIT OF THE RWANDAN PRIME MINISTER IN RWANDAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN TANZANIA, WERE MEANT TO GIVE REFUGEES ASSURANCE SO THEY CAN COME HOME, AND IF THEY DON'T, THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE AN EVIDENCE, THAT IT HAD DONE ITS UTMOST TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO COME BACK. HE INDICATED THAT THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT WAS IN THE PROCESS OF SEPARATING INTIMIDATORS FROM THE REST OF RWANDAN REFUGEE SO THAT THEY CAN FREELY RETURN HOME.

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DAILY SITREP

7 FEBRUARY, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

HEADS OF AGENCIES MEETING WAS HELD AT THE UNDP CONFERENCE ROOM AND AS PER THE AGENDA, THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UNDP, MR. SUKEHIRO HASEGAWA DISCUSSED THE OUTCOME OF THE UNDP CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTRIES IN OUAGADOUGOU BETWEEN 29-31 JANUARY. THEREAFTER PREPARATIONS REGARDING THE ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE DUE TO BE HELD SHORTLY WERE REVIEWED. THE THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA WAS THE ISSUE OF NGO'S. IN THIS REGARD METHODOLOGY HAS BEEN DEVISED WHEREBY THE PERFORMANCE OF VARIOUS NGO'S IS TO BE EVALUATED. FINALLY UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE BRIEFED THE MEMBERS ON THE REPATRIATION PROCESS AND ARRANGEMENTS CONTEMPLATED FOR RECEIVING THE RETURNEES.

RADIO RWANDA NEWS REPORTED THAT THE CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD OPERATION IN RWANDA MR. IAN MARTIN IN HIS MEETING WITH RWANDAN PRESIDENT PASTEUR BIZIMUNGU ON TUESDAY, EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN RWANDA. HE STATED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION THAT OCCURRED SO, IS BECAUSE OF WEAKNESS IN INSTITUTIONS THAT CANNOT ENSURE ADEQUATE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN RWANDA. HOWEVER SUCH VIOLATIONS ARE BROUGHT TO THE NOTICE OF RWANDAN GOVERNMENT AND IT HAS SHOWN WILLINGNESS TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO INVESTIGATE AND IDENTIFY WHAT COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY.

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DAILY SITREP

6 FEBRUARY, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

ACCORDING TO RADIO RWANDA NEWS REPORT OF 5 FEBRUARY, THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT HAS REITERATED ITS COMMITMENT TO HAVE ALL ITS NATIONALS BACK HOME. THE RADIO QUOTED UNHCR SOURCES IN BUJUMBURA CONFIRMING THE RETURN OF 4654 RWANDAN REFUGEES TO RWANDA FROM NTAMBA REFUGEE CAMP IN BURUNDI. ANOTHER 6000 HAVE MOVED TOWARDS THE TANZANIAN BORDER AND WERE SETTLED IN A TRANSIT PLACE, WAITING TO BE TRANSFERRED TO A NEW CAMP IN CONSTRUCTION.

WITH REGARD TO THE HOLDING OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON STABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREAT LAKES REGION, THE DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE RWANDAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, ACCORDING TO THE NEWS REPORT, REMARKED THAT THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE COULD NOT BE ANYTHING DIFFERENT FROM BUJUMBURA AND NAIROBI CONFERENCES.

DAILY SITREP

3 FEBRUARY, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

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the proposal*

RADIO RWANDA REPORTED THAT MR. CLAUDE DUSAIDI, THE VICE-PRESIDENT'S ADVISOR EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE ALLEGED DISBANDING OF THE COMMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL INQUIRY, INVESTIGATING THE ILLEGAL ARMS TRAFFIC IN GREAT LAKES REGION. HE SAID THAT MILITIAS FROM BURUNDI AND RWANDA ARE IN ZAIRE, READY TO ATTACK RWANDA. THEREFORE, IF THE COMMISSION IS DISBANDED, THERE WOULD BE NO WAY TO KNOW, IF THE BLUE HELMETS WHO WILL COME IN ZAIRE IN ORDER TO INTERVENE IN BURUNDI, WHEN NECESSARY, AS PROPOSED BY THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, WILL NOT BRING ARMS TO THOSE MILITIAS AND EX-FAR, OR IF ARMS WILL NOT KEEP ON FLOWING BY OTHER MEANS.

HE FURTHER ADDED THAT HE FINDS IT WISE TO ENFORCE AND EQUIP THE COMMISSION SO IT CAN ACHIEVE ITS GOALS RATHER THAN DISBAND IT. HE CONCLUDED THAT, IF NECESSARY, THE UN WOULD HAVE TO TAKE SOME FORMAL SANCTIONS OR FORCEFUL MEASURES TO FORCE ZAIRE TO COMPLY WITH ITS RESOLUTIONS, SINCE THE REPORT SHOWS FURTHER THAT THE TRAINING OF FORMER FAR IS STILL GOING ON.

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06/02*

DAILY SITREP

2 FEBRUARY, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

RADIO RWANDA REPORTED THAT THE NTAMBA REFUGEE CAMP IN BURUNDI MIGHT BE CLOSED WITHIN TWO DAYS. OUT OF 8000 REFUGEES, IN THE CAMP, ONLY 2000 WERE TRANSPORTED BY UNHCR TRUCKS TO BUTARE, GIKONGORO, KIBUNGO AND KIGALI RURAL.

IT FURTHER REPORTED, THAT, THE TRIPARTITE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THE SEPARATION OF INTIMIDATORS FROM GENUINE REFUGEES IN THE CAMPS AND BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER LOCATION IN BURUNDI, WHICH WOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO UNHCR BY BURUNDIAN AUTHORITIES.

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DAILY SITREP

1 FEBRUARY, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

ACCORDING TO RADIO RWANDA, A DELEGATION CONSISTING OF DELEGATES FROM UNHCR, THE GOVERNMENT OF BURUNDI AND THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA VISITED RWANDAN REFUGEES CAMPS IN BURUNDI AND PERSUADED THE REFUGEES TO RETURN TO RWANDA. THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM IN RWANDA WAS BEING RESTORED AND ONCE A REFUGEE IS REPATRIATED, HE CAN CLAIM HIS PROPERTY BY APPROACHING THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES INSTEAD OF GOING STRAIGHT TO THE ILLEGAL OCCUPANT.

THE RADIO ALSO REPORTED THAT ZAIRE IS ABOUT TO CLOSE KIBUMBA AND GASHYUSHYA REFUGEE CAMPS AND WOULD EXPEL THE RWANDAN REFUGEES FROM TODAY ONWARDS.

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02/02

DAILY SITREP

31 JANUARY, 1996

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

HEADS OF AGENCIES MEETING WAS HELD AT THE UNDP CONFERENCE ROOM. MATTERS CONCERNING REFUGEE REPATRIATION, SECURITY SITUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRIPARTITE MEETINGS WERE DISCUSSED. ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE FORTHCOMING ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE WERE ALSO DELIBERATED UPON.

RADIO RWANDA REPORTED THAT THE RWANDAN PRESIDENT PASTEUR BIZIMUNGU, ACCOMPANIED BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE MAJOR GENERAL PAUL KAGAME, THE PRIME MINISTER P-CELESTIN RWIGEMA, AND SOME OTHER DIGNITARIES, VISITED CYANGUGU PREFECTURE ON 30 JANUARY 1996 AND DISCUSSED PROBLEMS FACING THE POPULATION OF THAT PREFECTURE. IN PARTICULAR THE ISSUE OF OLD CURRENCY NOTES BROUGHT BY PEOPLE COMING BACK FROM BUKAVU CAMPS IN ZAIRE WAS DISCUSSED.

THE RADIO RWANDA ALSO REPORTED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS IS TRYING TO FIND A REPLACEMENT FOR THE CHIEF PROSECUTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA, JUDGE RICHARD GOLDSTONE WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO HEAD THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT IN HIS COUNTRY SOUTH AFRICA.

IT FURTHER REPORTED, THAT THE REPLACEMENT WOULD NOT COME FROM ANY AFRICAN COUNTRY NOR FROM FRANCE OR BELGIUM, BECAUSE RWANDA WOULD NOT AGREE. THE RADIO ALSO QUOTED RELIABLE SOURCES, AS HAVING INDICATED THAT THE REPLACEMENT FOR JUDGE GOLDSTONE WOULD COME FROM CANADA.

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Radio Rwanda reported that the Minister for Rehabilitation and Social Integration Mr. Patrick Mazimpaka held a press conference on Wednesday, 24 January 1996 in which he reaffirmed his Government's commitment to welcome all refugees back home unconditionally. He said, Rwanda appeals to all agencies, organizations and Governments to exercise reasonable influence in facilitating the return of Rwandese refugees now in exile in neighbouring countries.

The Minister stated that since 1994 Rwanda has received 130,000 refugees from Burundi including 10,000 that returned in the months of December and January. He also stated that the necessary mechanisms have been activated to take all the refugees immediately after the closure of Ntamba camp. Further, the Government is despatching a high-ranking delegation to Bujumbura on the 28 of this month to hold discussions with the Burundian Government and UNHCR on ways of enhancing a quick return of all refugees from Burundi.

The above statement is in response to the UN Secretary-General's concern reported by Radio Rwanda that the Rwandese Government is not pursuing a policy of reconciliation so vitally linked to the process of repatriation of Rwandese refugees now based in neighbouring countries.

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In an interview with Radio UNAMIR on 25 January 1996 the Rwandan Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Anastase Gasana took strong exception to the remarks of the United Nations Secretary-General concerning Rwanda. He stated that the policy of national reconciliation is being duly followed and fairly evident by way of reintegration of 4,000 soldiers and officers of the ex-RGF, reception without problems of 15,000 refugees expelled from Zaire last year. As to the return of refugees, the problem is being created through manipulation by internal and external factors by the former leaders of the country, the militias, those responsible for the genocide.

According to Rwandan Minister of Foreign Affairs, the United Nations presence after the expiry of the UNAMIR Mandate could well be felt with working of the International Tribunal, UNDP, UNICEF and UNHCR. He suggested that the money being spent on UNAMIR must henceforth be made available to the International Tribunal for it to be much more operational than it has been until now. United Nations may contribute in the future by way of development aid. According to Dr. Gasana 70,000 pupils are waiting to enter secondary school, whereas the Government can hardly take 10 per cent of them. Instead of maintaining UNAMIR, concluded the Minister, the United Nations should build schools for the pupils. That is what the Rwandan Government is waiting for.